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Section I (Approval of Minutes, Briefings, and Reports on Operations)

Approval of Minutes

1. The Minutes for the COMIREX meeting of 23 January 1969 (COMIREX-M-61) were approved.

Operational Briefing -- Satellite

2. [ ] reported on satellite operations and scheduling as follows:

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CORONA

1106 - Launched 5 February 1969, 1700L

First bucket recovered - 9 February 1969, 1908L

Estimated 2nd bucket recovery - 14 February 1969, 1653L

Film processing/distribution:

Actual arrival 1st bucket at Eastman Kodak - 10 Feb, 1500L

Estimated arrival 1st bucket Priority 1 in D.C. - 13 Feb, 0230L

Estimated arrival 1st bucket Priority 2 in D.C. - 14 Feb, 0230L

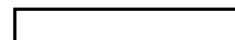
Estimated arrival 2nd bucket at Eastman Kodak - 15 Feb, 1300L

Estimated arrival 2nd bucket Priority 1 in D.C. - 18 Feb, 1100L

Estimated arrival 2nd bucket Priority 2 in D.C. - 19 Feb, 1100L

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Projected stereo coverage:

1st bucket - Land area - 1.68 million sq. n.m.  
Targets - 2,400

2nd bucket - Land area - 1.68 million sq. n.m.  
Targets - 2,400

1050 - Scheduled 19 March 1969

Estimated 1st bucket recovery - 27 March 1969, 1730L  
Estimated 2nd bucket recovery - 4 April 1969, 1730L

Film processing/distribution:

Estimated arrival 1st bucket at Eastman Kodak - 28 March, 1300L

Estimated arrival 1st bucket Priority 1 in D.C. - 31 March, 1100L

Estimated arrival 1st bucket Priority 2 in D.C. - 1 April, 1100L

Estimated arrival 2nd bucket at Eastman Kodak - 5 April, 1300L

Estimated arrival 2nd bucket Priority 1 in D.C. - 8 April, 1100L

Estimated arrival 2nd bucket Priority 2 in D.C. - 9 April, 1100L

Projected stereo coverage:

1st bucket - Land area - 2.80 million sq. n.m.  
Targets - 2,400

2nd bucket - Land area - 2,80 million sq. n.m.  
Targets - 2,400

1051 - Scheduled 14 May 1969

Estimated 1st bucket recovery - 22 May 1969  
Estimated 2nd bucket recovery - 30 May 1969

1107 - Scheduled 9 July 1969

Estimated 1st bucket recovery - 18 July 1969  
Estimated 2nd bucket recovery - 27 July 1969

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3. In answer to an inquiry about the reason for bringing the CORONA back early (9 instead of 15 days), [ ] stated that there were two reasons: the first was that some fantastic weather with excellent coverage down into South China had permitted an accelerated use of film; and the second was that approximately half-way through the 2,000 feet of color the film in that camera stopped transporting, meaning mono for the rest of the mission. [ ] said that the weather for 1106 was the best since 1045, 25 January to 7 February 1968. Overall coverage of clear areas was 85 percent whereas the highest before had been 83 percent. Special interest areas for color coverage were scheduled near the end of the mission so they were not covered.

Report on Aircraft Activities--Far East

4. In the 31 January to 13 February period FOOD FAIR and IDEALIST/TACKLE continued under the standdown. No GIANT SCALE missions were flown during this same period. [ ] then reported BUMPY ACTION activities as shown below remarking that out of the 14 missions six had been lost.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION NO.</u>	<u>AREAS/TARGETS</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
2 Feb	Q884 (Low)	Hanoi Port, Gia Lam Afd	Successful, MARS
2 Feb	Q505 (Low)	Haiphong Port, Haiphong Naval Base, Kien An Afd, Nam Dinh Trans Pt, Nam Dinh Tpp, Rte 10, 1A and RR, Thanh Hoa Transp Pt	Successful, MARS
4 Feb	Q883 (Low)	Phuc Yen Afd,	Successful, MARS
4 Feb	Q874 (Low)	SAMs 55, 253, 70, 66	Lost
5 Feb	Q845 (Low)	SAMs 1, 263, 118, Bac Mai, Gia Lam, Phu Ly RR Yd	Lost

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5 Feb	Q866 (Low SRE)	Cat Bi Afld, Haiphong Naval Fac	Lost, unsuccessful MARS
6 Feb	Q871 (Low)	SAM Son Coastal Def Site, Bai Thuong Afld, Thanh Hoa Trans Pt, Rte 1A, Vinh Afld	Successful, MARS
7 Feb	Q500 (Low)	Rte 1 and RR, 10, Nam Dinh Trans Pt, Nam Dinh Tpp, Thanh Hoa Trans Pt	Lost
9 Feb	Q884 (Low)	Hanoi Port, Gia Lam Afld	Lost
10 Feb	Q503 (Low)	Rte 15, Vinh Son Compl	Successful, MARS
10 Feb	Q501 (Low)	Rte 1A and RR, Vinh Afld, Dong Hoa	Successful, MARS
11 Feb	Q511 (Low)	Kien An Afld, Cat Bi Afld,	Successful, MARS
12 Feb	Q513 (Low)	Hanoi, Gia Lam Afld, Yen Vien RR Yd	Lost
13 Feb	Q252 (High)	DMZ, Miu Gia Pass, Rte 15, Rte 1A, Vinh Complex	Successful, MARS

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5. [ ] reported attempts to satisfy the two primary South China/North Vietnam targets as follows:

a. Coverage of Lines of Communications (LOC) pertinent to the introduction of Chinese forces into North Vietnam (see COMOR-D-25/207, 4 March 1966). The number of LOC priority targets in South China and North Vietnam remains at 142. For the period 6-12 February 1969, surveillance coverage was reported on eight priority targets in North Vietnam. The specific targets are underlined in Tab A.

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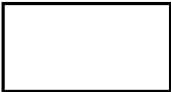
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b. Coverage of North Vietnam to detect the possible introduction or deployment of offensive missile systems (see COMOR-D-25/200, 23 May 1967, and COMIREX-D-25.3/2, 20 November 1967) is shown on the grid map at Tab B for the period 30 January - 5 February 1969. Three BUMPY ACTION missions flown during this time period and considered successful have not been reported. No SSM activity was observed.

Report on Aircraft Activities -- Cuba



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6. [redacted] reported GLASS LAMP activities for the 31 January to 13 February period as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION NO.</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
4 Feb	G068	Successful, 12.2% coverage
11 Feb	G069	Successful, 27.6% coverage

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION NO.</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
4 Feb	G068	12.2%	38.9%
11 Feb	G069	27.6%	53.0%

7. [redacted] reported that for the 56-day period beginning 19 December 1968, ten GLASS LAMP missions were flown over Cuba and provided 88 percent coverage of the area. During this period 159 of the 180 targets in Cuba were covered completely on cloud-free photography, not including the most recent mission flown on 11 February 1969.



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Section III (Subcommittee and Working Group Reports)



Report from Exploitation Research and Development Subcommittee

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2. [redacted] reported that there will be an  
EXRAND meeting on 19 February.

Report from Mapping, Charting, and Geodesy Working Group

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3. [redacted] said he understood that a memorandum  
has been prepared which reduces the MC&G coverage requirement.  
This matter will probably be on the agenda for the next COMIREX  
meeting.

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Section IV (Action Items)

Format for Monthly Report on Overhead Imagery Reconnaissance  
(COMIREX-D-16.1/1)

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1. The Executive Secretary asked that COMIREX members make suggestions as to format and the extent of the information in the new monthly report. [redacted] urged that suggestions be submitted as soon as possible so that all suggestions may be considered before the next report is issued in early March. [redacted] noted that there is nothing on exploitation in the February report although it is planned to include this in future issues. He also commented that a separate page has been prepared on each area with the thought that this would make the report more useful if it were broken up. Comments on this and other features were solicited.

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2. The DIA representative commented that he had been through the report very carefully and thought it was a very good start. He felt that this new report would be an excellent tool for members of the Committee.

Area Coverage

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3. The Chairman expressed concern, as a result of conversations he had at Beale, that the people there do not seem to be as aware of the area coverage aspect of our requirement as he expected them to be. [redacted] asked the Chairman, ICRS, to look into the requirement and perhaps tailor current requirements more than they have been doing. If it appears likely we are not getting area coverage, it should be listed as a special target. [redacted] had the feeling that the people at Beale are really trying to fill our requirement and that we have to be sure they know what all of our requirements are.

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Second-Phase Exploitation of Satellite Photography (EXSUBCOM-M-68)

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4. The Chairman commented that this subject was put on the agenda because there had been a gap in the bureaucratic approval cycle which needed to be filled. In reply to a question directed to [ ] the Chairman was assured that NPIC was prepared to begin the programming necessary to produce the hard copy reports in accordance with the design recommended by EXSUBCOM. In the absence of comments or questions by COMIREX members, the procedure set forth in EXSUBCOM-M-68 was approved. The Chairman indicated that in the future subcommittee recommendations on matters of this sort (i. e., matters which could have broad implications for the entire community) will be circulated to COMIREX to allow members an opportunity to review them and request that they be included on the COMIREX agenda if they so desire.

Classification of Oil Slick Photography (see also Section VI,  
paragraphs 5 and 6)

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5. [ ] reported that he had had a call from Dr. Steininger asking why the photography of the Santa Barbara oil slick had to be classified SECRET and requesting that it be declassified in order to make it more useful to the President's committee. It was agreed that only the camera and the platform should be classified and that [ ] be authorized to crop and enlarge selected prints as unclassified. The Chairman will notify the appropriate people of this COMIREX authorization to use the sanitized U-2 photography of the oil slick as unclassified. /This action accomplished by letter from Chairman, COMIREX, to Mr. Winston Sibert, Chief, Special Projects Office, Department of the Interior, 17 February 1969./

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Discussion of Security Aspects of Gray and Green Telephone Systems

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6. [ ] observed that NSA plans to withdraw gray telephones had precipitated a review within the Pentagon of their whole question of telephonic communications on T-KH matters. He reminded members that the gray was principally designed for SI communications but has been approved for T-KH if located in T-KH space. [ ] reported that whereas some of the green phones located within the Pentagon have been approved for secure communication, including T-KH if located in cleared areas, other green phones have switching facilities and terminals located in areas not authorized for T-KH and these present problems. [ ] CIA Commo, confirmed that there is a difference between the 758 c, broad-band, four-digit green phone and the AUTOSEVOCOM system in the Pentagon. In this connection he noted that CIA green phones which go to the Pentagon depend on encryptions within CIA and these communications are secure. [ ] noted also that in some instances the gray could be risky, citing NPIC as a case in point. Within NPIC the gray phone line is not rendered secure between the point of entry into the building and the various phones in the building. This means that the security of the phone must depend on the security of the building as a whole. Present plans for installing green phones in NPIC will provide conduits to individual telephones and will therefore be more secure. (See USA member comment in COMIREX-M-64, page 8, para 3.)

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7. The NSA member noted that his agency is not a communications agency and confirmed that the squeeze is on to reduce the gray phone population, thereby obligating those charged with communications responsibility to take over with some other secure communications system. In concluding discussion the Chairman charged the Chairman, SDWG, with the responsibility for developing information from COMIREX, its subcommittees and working groups, and its consultants, in order to size the problem of telephone security for T-KH communications. /See COMIREX-D-2.12/2, 18 February 1969./

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## Section VI (Other Business)

### West Coast Trip

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1. The Chairman spoke briefly on the success of the COMIREX trip to the West Coast. He felt that everyone who had the opportunity to go had profited, and he expressed regret that some had left early and missed the last two days. [ ] commented on the following specific aspects of the trip.

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2. Monday, the 10th, was spent looking at drones, particularly the 154. [ ] said one point that had not been clear to him before was that he had thought of the 154 as a replacement for the drones now in use in Vietnam. Instead, the 154 really gives us an alternative asset to consider for China or other problems like that.

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3. The group spent Tuesday at the CIA U-2 detachment at Edwards. The Chairman was particularly impressed with the way that CIA and the Air Force were melded into one in this operation. The Air Force personnel, along with some civilians, work in an atmosphere free of procedural restraints. This gives them flexibility in such matters as R&D among other things. As part of the program at Edwards, a demonstration flight of one of the old U-2s was flown. It was explained that the rate of climb indicator is a standard procurement item that registers 6,000 feet per minute as the highest rate of climb. During the demonstration flight, reading from his altimeter, the pilot reported that he crossed 12,000 feet at 55 seconds.

4. The Chairman expressed appreciation to the NRO for setting up the trip. Everything was well organized and there were no hitches. He was particularly impressed, he said, that everyone "leveled" with the group and made themselves available to be of all possible help. [ ] ended his discussion of the trip with the hope that others may be able to take such a useful trip in the future.

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Handling of Santa Barbara Oil Slick Photography(see also Sec. IV, para. 3)

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5. The Chairman reported that photography of the Pacific Coast oil slick had been taken by CIA U-2 last week and had been given [redacted] for readout. He commented that he felt it was appropriate for [redacted] to do this job, but he felt that NPIC should also have an opportunity to study the photography. [redacted] plans to talk with Mr. Reber about NPIC access to this film.

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6. [redacted] stated that they had some very excellent color photography as well as black and white. It appeared that the color photography had proved its value in identifying and locating the slick while the black and white complemented it by providing the resolution needed for more detailed analysis.

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Civilian Agency Requests for Overhead Imagery

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7. [redacted] indicated that [redacted] is addressing the problem of how to handle civilian agency requests for operational missions. The Chairman said that the matter of establishing a specific channel for such requests had been discussed at ARGO where all agreed that the channel should be ARGO to [redacted] for transmittal to the NRO where manned aircraft were concerned. When satellite photography is desired, the request would continue to come from ARGO to COMIREX.

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Executive Secretary

Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation

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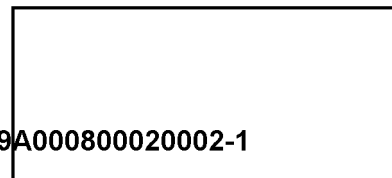
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[REDACTED]	NPIC

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1. This special meeting of EXSUBCOM was called to approve recommendations for "Hard Copy Reporting of Information Derived from First-and Second-Phase Exploitation of Satellite Photography," prepared by an EXSUBCOM Working Group. (See copy attached)

2. Agreement had already been reached except on the question of indexing, as described in Para 2 b (3). There was agreement that a cumulative index was required, but NPIC questioned the need for separate indexes with each hard copy report. [REDACTED] proposed that the EXSUBCOM postpone a decision on the question at issue until the consumers would have time to determine whether or not individual indexes would be needed under the new hard copy format. This suggestion was agreed to by DIA, and approved by EXSUBCOM.



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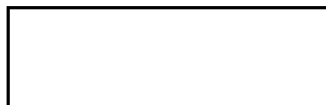
3. The DIA Member suggested the following:

a. that NPIC not change the name of the OAK and OAK Supplements to Target Report, since this would lead to confusion.

b. that for the sake of readability abbreviated codes be avoided, and words be spelled out in full.

c. that in its reporting whenever NPIC makes a reference to a NAC (no apparent change) the mission and date also be referenced.

4. The DIA Member suggested, and the EXSUBCOM Members agreed, that NPIC should follow the EXSUBCOM guidance on hard copy format to the extent feasible, with the understanding that as difficulties are encountered along the way, NPIC feel free to ask for changes to the guidance.

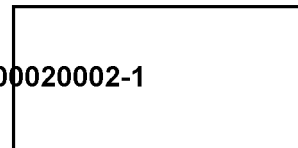


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Imagery Exploitation Subcommittee

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SUBJECT: Hard Copy Reporting of Information Derived From  
First- and Second-Phase Exploitation of Satellite  
Photography

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TO:   
Acting Chairman, EXSUBCOM

1. The recommendations contained in the succeeding paragraph pertain to first- and second-phase hard copy reporting from satellite photography. They were developed by an ad hoc working group established by the Chairman, EXSUBCOM, and are forwarded for EXSUBCOM consideration.

2. The working group recommends the following:

a. Types of Reports and Frequency - A hard copy report should be produced at the conclusion of Phase 1A exploitation and should include all Priority 1A targets on which useable photography was obtained. A second report should be published at the conclusion of Phase 1B exploitation and include all Priority 1B targets on which useable photography was obtained. As Phase 1 exploitation is a continuous process, however, certain of the Priority 1B targets may at times be included in Phase 1A reporting and need not be repeated in the Phase 1B report. During second-phase exploitation, hard copy reports should be produced on an approximate weekly basis until reporting has been completed on all Priority 2A targets covered by useable photography. At the conclusion of second-phase exploitation, a cumulative mission index should be published. The cumulative index will include reference to all targets contained in the substantive first- and second-phase reports, and will also include information on all Phase 1A, 1B and 2A targets which could be identified but not interpreted due to weather or other limiting factors (IDO).

b. Format and Content - Substantive Reports (OAK and OAK Supplements)

(1) Highlights - Any or all of the substantive hard copy reports may contain a mission highlights section. The textual information contained in the highlights section should be arranged as much as possible in accordance with the estimated degree of significance and current interest of the subject matter. Graphics should be included as deemed appropriate by the producer, and deployment statistics should be provided in at least one of the substantive hard copy reports.

(2) Body

(a) Arrangement of Targets - The targets included in the body of substantive reports should be arranged by country (or countries) and by functional category within each country. Targets within a specific category should be divided by the following classifications: (1) significant results (to include all targets which reflect a change, and all targets on which OB and/or vehicle/equipment count is provided); (2) targets which reflect no apparent change (excluding those on which OB and/or vehicle/equipment count is provided). The targets should be arranged in alphabetical order within the above classifications.

(b) Reference Data - Each target writeup contained in the body should include the following data: name, B.E. number, COMIREX number, coordinates, date of coverage, pass, frame number/s, grid reference, and information as to quality and extent of coverage, conditions affecting interpretability, type of film and extent of stereo.

*agree* (3) Index - DIA has proposed that each substantive hard copy report contain an index which provides a single line entry identifying each target contained in the body of the report. DIA feels that these indices would provide a convenient means of locating target writeups prior to receipt of the cumulative mission index. NPIC is of the opinion that the apparent value of these indices is not sufficient to justify the additional effort and expense involved. The indices, as proposed by DIA, would list the targets alphabetically within each country. The single line entry for each target would include at least the name, B.E. number and the number of page on which the target appears in the body of the report.

c. Format and Content - Cumulative Mission Index

(1) The cumulative mission index should provide a single reference line for each target reported in the substantive first- and second-phase hard copy reports. The targets should be arranged by country, by functional category within each country, and in alphabetical order within each category. In the case of ground force installations in China and the USSR, the targets should be further arranged by military district, and listed alphabetically within each district. The line entry for each target should include the following: (1) name; (2)  (3) COMIREX number; (4) reference to the hard copy publication in which the target was reported, and to the appropriate page number within that publication; (5) a notation which indicates whether significant results (changes and OB etc) or no apparent change was reported in the substantive publication.

(2) The cumulative mission index should also contain

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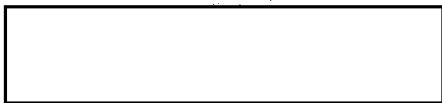


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a section which reports all Priority 1A, 1B and 2A targets which could be identified only (IDO), and not interpreted. These targets should be arranged by country, (or countries) and listed alphabetically within each geographic group. Each target entry should include all reference data mentioned in paragraph 2b(2)(b) above.

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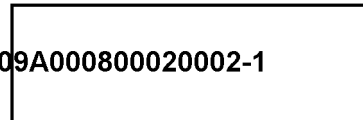
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